

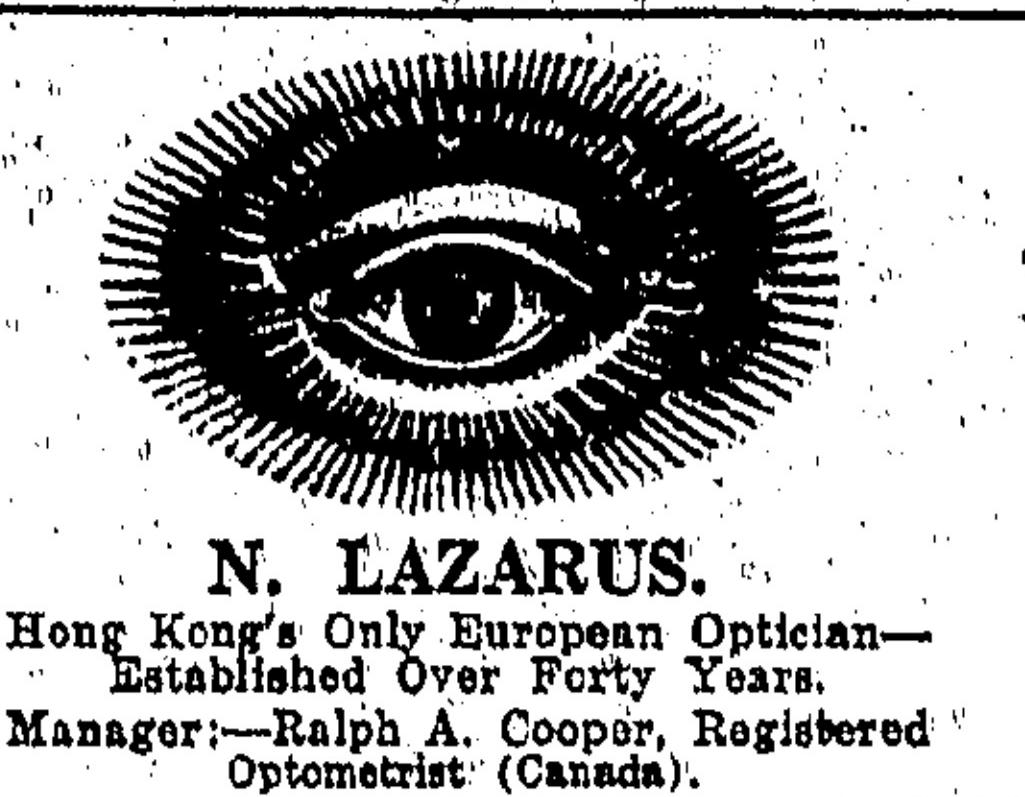
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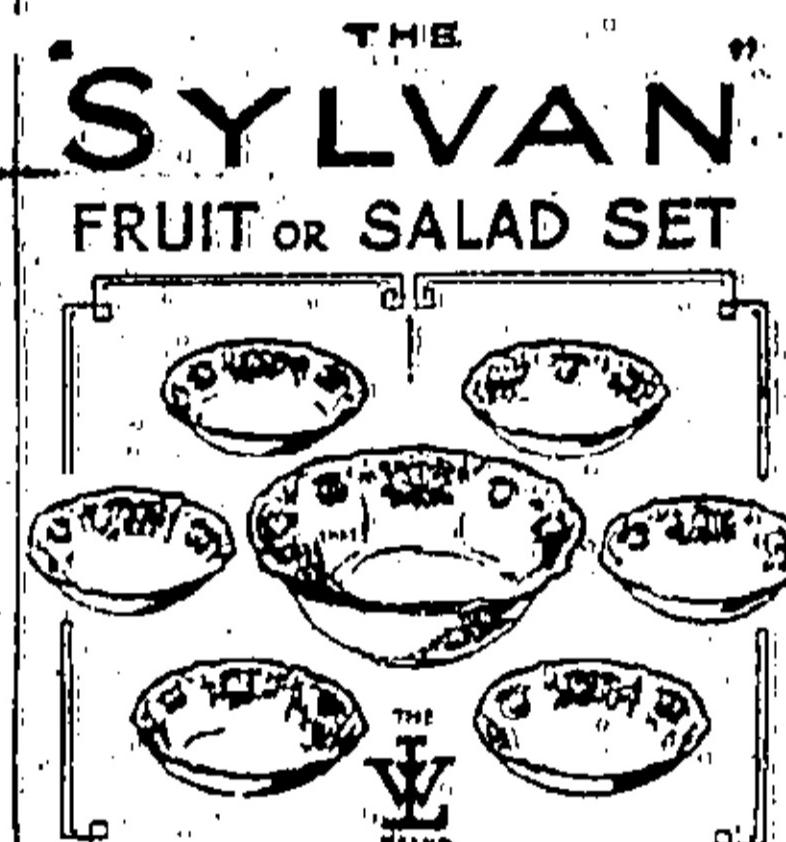
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## MURDER TRIAL.

Shoulder-Blade Figures In Evidence.

### EXHUMATION RESULTS.

Sequel to Guild Affray in Market.

The shoulder blade of a man killed in the Western Market affray of Sept. 5, when members of rival Guilds are alleged to have come into conflict, figured as evidence in the trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning of the prisoner charged with murdering the man in question.

The shoulder blade was detached from the body of the allegedly murdered man after an exhumation made at the request of the defence, conducted by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy.

Referring to the exhumation in the course of his opening address to the jury this morning, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, acting for the Attorney-General, said that it had not taken them much further with the case. All that Dr. Minett was able to say was that the wound might have been caused with such a dagger as was in the possession of the accused when arrested. Dr. Minett was also of the opinion that the actual fissure of the bone was probably not in the same condition when the exhumation was carried out as it was when buried, there being a certain amount of decay apparent.

Detailing the extent of the wound in the left shoulder, as observed in the original post mortem examination, Mr. Dyer Ball said that it had gone through the flesh tissues and muscles and penetrated right through to the bone. Dr. Craig at the time had taken the dagger found on the accused and fitted it into the aperture made by the implement used and it had fitted in exactly. Another significant fact was that a piece of the bone had been chipped off the shoulder blade and the dagger found in the possession of the accused had its point turned as if by meeting with considerable force, something which had resisted.

**Five Mortal Wounds.**  
The deceased, when the post mortem examination was carried out, was found to have sustained ten wounds, any one of five of which would have killed him. The medical evidence was to the effect that seven out of the ten could have been caused by the dagger in question.

Detailing the incidents of the fight which occurred in the Western Market district about eight o'clock on the morning of Sept. 5, Mr. Dyer Ball said that the fighting centred mainly around New Market street. At a certain stage of the fight, those who were being attacked blew police whistles. The attackers turned in their tracks and became the pursued instead of the pursuers. The two deceased were among those who had originally been attacked and they, together with another, ran after their attackers.

One of the deceased did not get further than the corner of On Tai and New Market street where he collapsed from wounds previously received but the other deceased, with whose murder the prisoner was charged, followed for some considerable distance along the south side of the market into Morrison Street where his strength failed him and he struggled on to the market steps and collapsed. The police whistle he had been blowing was found clenched in his hand.

**Struggle With Police.**  
The chase was then taken up by a Chinese constable who had been detailed for search duty and was unarmed. Several times in the course of the flight, which lay along Connaught Road, Des Voeux Road Central, the prisoner turned and threatened the constable with an iron bar and dagger which he held in his hands, daring the constable to "come on."

The constable waited each time and was eventually joined by other constables, the prisoner being brought to bay outside No. 297, Des Voeux Road Central where, after a struggle in the course of which a constable was wounded in the hand in wounding

## FINAL MEETING.

Imperial Conference Closes.

### ADDRESS TO THE KING.

The Crown As the Symbol of Unity.

Rugby, Nov. 23.—The Imperial Conference, which began on October 19, concluded to-day after holding sixteen plenary sessions and 146 meetings of the various committees.

The final resolution of the conference expressed the considered view of the delegates that not only the actual work done but the opportunity which the Conference had afforded for intimate consultation and the strengthening of friendship will be of the greatest importance in promoting in all parts of the Empire "unity of thought" and co-operation in action.

An address to the King on the conclusion of the Conference stated:

"We have found in all our deliberations a spirit of mutual goodwill and an earnest desire for co-operation in promoting the prosperity of the several parts of the Empire. The foundation of our work has been a sure knowledge that each of us as to all your Majesty's subjects the Crown is an abiding symbol and emblem of the unity of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

**Premiers' Speeches.**  
The great value of the Conference was emphasised in the closing speeches of the Prime Ministers.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, said that throughout the Conference there had been a striking readiness to understand and appreciate one another's point of view and special difficulties.

The greatest achievement of the conference was the evidence it had afforded of common standards and fundamental unity of purpose and ideals, and a desire to work out a sound basis for enduring co-operation.

They carried away a friendship greatly strengthened between all parts of the British Empire through personal contact, and an enhanced appreciation of the greatness of the common inheritance they shared.

The Australian Premier said that in some directions it might perhaps have been impossible to go as far as individually delegates might have liked, but in other directions the Conference had made an epoch-making advance.

**Imperial Progress.**  
"What we have done here has given to the world clearer conception than ever before of what we mean by the Empire of completely self-governing nations, jealous of their autonomy, yet proud of their Imperial unity. I feel that our status as individual nations has been increased, while at the same time the prestige of the whole Empire has been considerably enhanced."

He thought the Conference might well be proud of its material achievements which marked a very definite step forward on the road of Imperial progress.

General Hertzog, the South African Premier said:

"I shall certainly leave this conference with a feeling that I do not think often happens in the future."

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off a dagger blow aimed for his stomach, the prisoner was overcome.

Mr. Dyer Ball emphasised the nature of the implement other than the dagger which the prisoner was carrying. It was a heavy iron file wrapped in paper and, together with the dagger, was bloodstained. Witnesses who had been in the market when the fight started would depose to a man answering to the description of the prisoner and carrying such an instrument having taken part in the earlier incidents referred to.

The prisoner had been wounded in the course of his struggle with the police and whilst in hospital, in answer to questions, he had admitted that he was a member of the Ping Wo Guild, but denied knowledge of the two deceased. His version was that he was leaving the market when he was attacked and became unconscious. He denied the charge of murder.

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## CANTON PLANS.

General Chang Kai-shek Interviewed.

### STARTLING STATEMENTS.

Treaties Soon to Be Instantly Abrogated.

### CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURES.

Hankow-Canton Railway To Be Completed.

Peking, Nov. 24.—General Chang Kai-shek, interviewed by a foreign correspondent at his headquarters during the week-end stated that the present revolution would not cease until extraterritorial concessions and the "unequal treaties" had all been abolished.

After the successful termination of the revolution, all the foreign treaties would instantly be abrogated and foreign supervi-

## LOCAL SHARES.

Ice House St. or New Building?

### QUESTION OF LOCALITY.

One Association Expected to Move.

From the point of view of the man in the street, interest in the Hong Kong share market is not so much what stocks will be in the near future, but rather what will happen as regards the two leading Exchanges—will one move nearer to the other again?

Only quite recently the Stock Exchange, popularly referred to as the "first exchange," removed from Ice House Street to Exchange Building. Some of its members followed suit. The Sharebrokers' Association remained at offices in Ice House Street, for business convenience in the past, brokers and authorised clerks used to stand in "Brokers' Alley" and put through their transactions there. Now it means a walk of 50 yards or so and ascent or descent in a lift.

**Competitive Advantages.**

Advantages have been pointed out for both localities. The argument for Ice House Street is that clients need not enter buildings where their movements would be so obvious. One can casually stroll through "Brokers' Alley" without being associated with a share deal, it is argued.

The other side points to the congestion of rickshas in the old place and the desirability of conducting business in up-to-date premises, away from the public gaze.

### Restricted Business.

A leading broker said that the volume of business for settlement yesterday was very small—in hundreds and thousands and not in millions of dollars as on boom times.

This was due to there being very little forward business, transactions being confined mostly to cash deals.

In forward business, contracts were now essentially between broker and client and it was not every broker who made such contracts. Before the slump a substantial part of the settlement was between broker and broker, but this did not exist to-day.

### Small Investment Lots.

Attention is almost wholly devoted to investment stocks with the speculation variety coming in for very little attention. Inquiries, in the main, were for small lots which buyers wanted to lock up for short periods with a view to making a working profit only.

Asked why there was no material improvement in the local share market now that the boycott had been settled, another broker briefly explained several contributory causes.

The exchange banks, he said, are not inclined to finance shares.

**Last Year's Entanglement.**

The native banks can get better return from the property market; and some of them have still to liquidate their holdings of last year.

Loans were made in pre-strike times at inflated values, so that Chinese bankers still have shares on their hands which they were forced by circumstances to carry until a change sets in. They cannot afford to sell out now as prices are too low comparatively. Accordingly, they are not putting any money in shares at the moment.

### Should Still Wait.

Without the funds to manipulate, clients cannot do forward business on any scale. Worse still, there are parties whose obligations of the June, 1926 settlement have yet to be met.

The opinion is that until there is a surplus of money in the Colony, it will be very difficult to put shares up in value. Once the stocks have recovered sufficiently, all the old complications can be wiped out. Then a fresh start can be made, as in normal times, but nobody can say when those happy days will come.

The only advice to holders of investment stocks is that since they have waited so long they may as well hold on until China New Year at least.

### Owners Meet Miners.

Rugby, Nov. 23.—A conference of coal owners and miners to discuss district settlements began to-day in several of the larger coalfields, including Lancashire, Durham, South Wales and Scotland.

The Council of the Nottinghamshire Miners' Association has decided that the continuance of the stoppage serves no useful purpose,

and has requested Association members to sign on immediately.

In view of the miners' rejection

of the Government peace proposals

the projected Bill establishing a National Tribunal to hear appeals against district awards will be dropped.

The closing rate of the dollar

on demand to-day was 1/11 1/16.

## ANOTHER PIRACY.

Soldiers And Officers Killed.

### "WAI HOI" OUTRAGE.

Maryknoll Missionaries Held in Captivity.

The news of yet another piracy has reached the Colony with the return to Hong Kong of the seven Maryknoll sisters who were briefly reported this morning to have been held in captivity. It now appears that they were held under guard in a narrow state-room for more than sixty hours.

The sisters, in company with the Rev. W. A. Fletcher, Acting Pastor of the Yeungkong Catholic Mission and four Chinese servants, were on board the steamer "Wai Hoi" at the time on their way from Kongmoon to Yeungkong. The "Wai Hoi" is a former Wuchow boat.

The steamer left Kongmoon last Friday at about 1 p.m. and five hours later a dozen or more well dressed Chinese who had embarked as passengers, suddenly produced arms and disclosed themselves as pirates.

The soldiers guard on the bridge were shot and killed, also those in the ammunition room. The purser, cashier and clerk were also killed.

### 60 Hours Under Guard.

All deck passengers were then taken into the hold by the pirates and Father Fletcher and the sisters were placed in the stateroom where they were held under guard for over sixty hours.

The steamer was taken by the pirates to Chek Pei where it was run into a narrow stream and as soon as low tide came the boat was left high and dry. The pirates were then joined by others and all the belongings of the passengers were rifled, threats of death being held out to any who refrained from disclosing valuables.

### Cargo Looted.

On Saturday, the whole day was devoted by the pirates to the looting of the cargo which was removed from the holds to the pirates' stronghold inland. The cargo consisted of five hundred cases of kerosene, a large shipment of food supplies, and articles of furniture.

All of the passengers were taken from the ship on Saturday night, with the exception of the servants of the missionaries. They were forced into a hut on the river bank and pirates armed with huge knives mounted as guard. The night was bitterly cold and no covering was given them. In the opinion of the Maryknoll missionaries who have now reached Hong Kong, the intention of the pirates is to hold these passengers to ransom.

### Pirated Again.

The missionaries were allowed to remain on the "Wai Hoi" with their servants and the crew. Late that night, the ship was refloated and allowed by the pirates to return to Kongmoon, they in the meantime making inland with their captives. Owing to the Captain not knowing the locality, yet another disaster befell the few remaining on board, the ship running on to the mudflats the next morning and having to remain there until nightfall when it refloated.

The missionaries' belongings and anything else on board left by the original pirates were taken by further gangs of robbers who boarded the helpless ship and plundered. The "Wai Hoi" was again refloated on Sunday night and returned to Kongmoon.

The seven missionaries have now arrived at the Maryknoll procure, unharmed, but naturally suffering from the reaction of the terrorising experience through which they have passed.

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## "SUNNING" PIRACY.

TWENTY MEN TO BE CHARGED  
ON MONDAY.

ANOTHER TWO LATER.

The "China Mail" understands that in addition to the twenty men who were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy on Monday morning, when they were formally remanded for a week, only two other men are likely to be charged.

These two men are at present in hospital, and it is understood that they will not be in fit condition to take their trial for some considerable time—a matter of several weeks at least.

In the circumstances, the trial of the twenty men who have already been arraigned before the Bench and who are under remand in custody at the Victoria Jail, will proceed as already stated. The Crown Solicitor will open the case against the accused man in Mr. Lindell's Court at 11 o'clock on Monday next, and it is anticipated that the Police Court proceedings will be concluded in time for the case to go to the Supreme Court for the December Criminal Sessions which open on December 9.

The two men now in hospital will, it is understood, be tried as a separate case.

MARINE INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

A MATTER OF ROUTINE.

The "China Mail" learns that a Marine Court of Inquiry will sit shortly to inquire into the piracy of the "China Navigation" s.s. "Sunning" last Monday.

As the alleged pirates will come up for trial in the Magistracy, the scope of the Marine Inquiry will not include that aspect.

Whether the regulations of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance were observed or not on the ship, and the disposition of accommodation and control of passengers are among the matters of routine which will come up.

The date has not yet been announced.

It is customary for such Courts, when sitting at Hong Kong, to comprise the stipendiary Marine Magistrate (the Harbour Master, Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N.), presiding; a Royal Naval officer; and three masters of the Merchant Marine, with one or more conversant with conditions on the run concerned.

CHINESE AND OFFICER'S BRAVERY.

PRESERVATION ORGANISED.

The bravery of the "Sunning's" officers was mentioned at yesterday's meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce when a letter was read from Mr. Ho In proposing that this bravery should meet with recognition from the Chamber in view of the smashing blow dealt at piracy on the China coast.

It was eventually decided that a joint letter of thanks should be sent to the officers by the representatives of shipping firms and that subscriptions be raised amongst the Bankers' Guild, the Shantung Merchants, the importers of Shantung Goods and other such bodies for the purpose of presenting some memento to the officers and men of the "Sunning."

CANTON GOVERNMENT AND ITS DUTY.

SCANDAL MUST END.

Commenting on the "Sunning" piracy the "Shanghai Mercury" says:

We would join in the chorus of protestation which has been made again and again against the criminal inactivity of the Nationalist Government in Canton and of the militaristic Government in Peking. If they represent China and the Chinese then they should share responsibility. In the South these outrages have been frequent in recent years, and in spite of sufficient assurance that preventive action would be taken and stern justice meted out to offenders the Canton Government has failed to live up to its professions. The construction of steel barriers and the placing of armed guards on board has not ensured immunity for foreign officers or Chinese passengers. The searching system has been ineffective.

In any case it appears the time has come when the usual mild-mannered protest to the Canton authorities were abandoned, and the Chinese government must remind them of their duties and their re-

## PASSENGER LIST.

## DEPARTURES

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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KARMAKA	9,128	27th Nov. Noon	Marsailles, Cusan Blanca, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,007	9th Dec.	Marsailles, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,089	10th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLOR	8,853	22nd Dec.	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marsailles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
MIRZAPORE	8,715	3rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Marsailles and London
MALWA	10,944	8th Jan.	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	8,144	22nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Marsailles, London and Antwerp
MORIA	10,913	5th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,007	18th Feb.	Marsailles, London and Antwerp
KASHMIR	9,006	10th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLOR	8,852	3rd March	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marsailles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	17th March	Marsailles, London and Antwerp
MONGOLIA	18,504	19th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marsailles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
KARMAKA	9,128	16th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,007	28th April	Marsailles, London and London
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marsailles, London & Antwerp
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TALMA	10,000	18th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	25th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKLIMA	7,936	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	6,949	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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S.T.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
TANDA	8,666	4th Dec.	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne
ARAFURA	6,000	23rd Jan.	
TANDA	6,956	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,986	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLIMA	7,936	13th Dec.	Kobe
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KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
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## SHIPPING NOTES.

## VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

## LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

Encountering very rough weather from Singapore, the O.S.K. steamer "Bingo-Maru" arrived last night with 121 tons of general cargo from Calcutta and Singapore. She will load here and sail for Japan this afternoon.

Scheduled to sail at 5 p.m. today, the s.s. "President Madison" is going to Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, with passengers, cargo and the Siberian mail.

With 122 steerage passengers, a cargo of salt fish, and livestock for Hong Kong the s.s. "Tjitaroom" of the J.C.L. arrived this morning from Batavia and Amoy. She will load here and sail for Java and Shanghai on Nov. 26.

The s.s. "Yingchow" of the China Navigation Co. Ltd., sailed yesterday for Manila with cargo only.

From Foochow and Swatow, the s.s. "Haining" of the Douglas Steamship Co. arrived this morning with 190 steerage passengers, 650 tons of general cargo and 87 bags of mail. She will sail for Foochow and Amoy on Friday afternoon.

The Dutch steamer "Van Cloon" arrived this morning from Amoy and Swatow with 767 steerage passengers and 209 tons of cargo. She will sail for Singapore and Penang to-morrow at noon.

The French liner "General Metzinger" arrived this morning with passengers, cargo and the European mail. The "General Metzinger" will sail this afternoon for Japan via Shanghai.

The s.s. "Szechuan" of the China Navigation Co. arrived this morning with 650 tons of general cargo, and 44 bags of mail. She will sail on Nov. 27 for Shanghai after loading here.

The Admiralty Oriental liner "President Jackson," coming from Seattle, arrived in Shanghai yesterday and will be despatched for Hong Kong, being due on Sunday.

## LOCAL SHIPPING.

## TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

## THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Devanha (4758) Bri. from Kobe and Shanghai; M. M. & Co.

Kwangs (1228) Bri. from Shanghai and Amoy; B. & S.

Hai Ning (832) Bri. from Foochow and Swatow; Douglas & Co.

Szechuan (1594) Bri. from Shanghai and Swatow; B. & S.

New Mathilde (842) Bri. from Haiphong; Yik Tai.

President Madison (8341) Am. from Manila; A.O.L.

Van Cloon (2863) Dutch, from Amoy and Swatow; J.C.L.

Tjitaroom (5774) Dutch, from Batavia and Amoy; J.C.L.

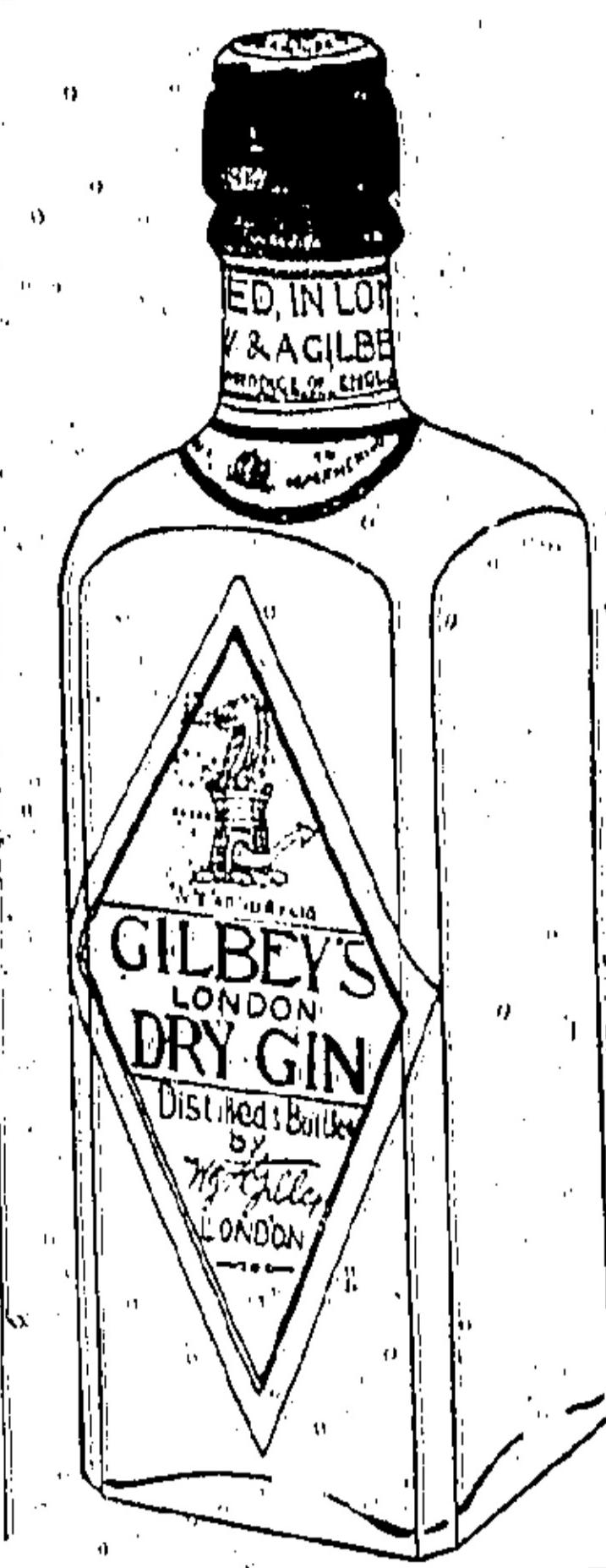
Svale (1354) Norwegian, from Skagerrak.

Eiger (875) Norwegian, from Canton; Karsten Larsen & Co.

Shinnob Maru (3682) Jap. from Yokohama and Moji; O.S.K.

Bingo Maru (3723) Jap. from Calcutta and Singapore; O.S.K.

Chambord (4459) French, from Shanghai and Moji; M.M. & Co.



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And so to-morrow, American citizens, at home and abroad, in Hong Kong and elsewhere, will lift up their voices in thanksgiving. Yet to those whose thought is clear, whose minds are ordered in harmony with Principle, the day and its observances are but symbolical of a mental state which persists throughout the year. As good cheer, love and generosity need in no wise be limited to Christmas Day, so equally the spirit of thanksgiving, the outpouring of gratitude for blessings received, are fully manifested every day in the year, and not alone on the last Thursday in November.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### COUNSEL FOR DEFENCE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail." Sir,—I was somewhat astonished to read in Saturday's issue of your esteemed journal the amazing statement that "only when a man faces the capital charge does the Crown furnish him with Counsel to defend."

The sentence quoted was published in connection with the report of the "Sunning" pirates—for whom, of course, I hold no brief.

I do not think it is necessary for me to "rub it in," but any defendant—or even a plaintiff in a civil action—is entitled to be legally represented provided he, or she, can satisfy the judge that he, or she, has a good case and is without the means to pay counsel.

This, however, is not the point which occurred to my mind when reading the foregoing. What, I am tempted to ask, is how much longer is the cowardly pretence that there is one law for rich and poor alike, to continue? As a Home paper recently very pertinently asserted: "Every lawyer knows it is a lie." A poor defendant cannot claim legal assistance unless he at first discloses his defense, and then it is granted only at the discretion of the judge. Yet the prosecution in a criminal case has ever the finest legal talent at its command. The Poor Prisoners' Defence Act is little more than a farce, and the sooner the law is altered the better for all concerned.

Yours, etc., LEX.

Hong Kong, Nov. 23, 1926.

## WHAT THEY EARN.

### WORKERS OF CANTON'S ARSENAL.

### INTERESTING BUDGET.

Although considerable alarm was felt over the strike at the Canton Arsenal, it is interesting to note that the total for wages and salary—as asked for by the men—only amounts to \$60,000 a month.

The following statistics were presented by the Canton Arsenal workers:

Total employed—1,730; working in night and day shifts.

Of this number, 90 per cent are permanently employed, i.e., are at work every day.

The budget for each department of the Arsenal is:

	Men	Pay
Rifles	580	\$21,000
Smokeless ammunition	400	12,000
Machines	270	10,000
Machine-guns	150	7,200
Smokeless powder	81	3,800
"Bullets"	49	1,600
Others	200	4,500
	1,730	\$60,000

The arbitration committee to settle the strike found that both the management and the men were partly to blame for the trouble.

## A BLACK EYE.

### AND ANOTHER MAN'S SWEETHEART.

### POLICE COURT COMEDY.

"He hit me first—he was with my sweetheart," said a Chinese charged with assault before St. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

"I see, but he didn't hurt you very much did he?" He was an interloper, observed His Worship, who added, "Well, you blacked his eye for him, as you had better pay him \$1 as compensation."

Complainant said that he did not consider \$1 was sufficient. He had also been hit in the chest.

His Worship: "If you interfere between a man and his sweetheart, there is always liable to be trouble. You've got a black eye and will get a dollar for it. You can both sign a bond to keep the peace for six months."

## SNOW IN CHEFOO.

### "Red Spear" Bandits Again Active.

### BUTCHERS ON STRIKE.

### Varied Notes From the North.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chefoo, Nov. 12.

The activities of "Red Spear" and other bandits in various parts of the Province are proving a menace to many. However, the officials are on the watch and some of the bandits have been caught and summarily dealt with. There is still much room for improvement, but for every effort made, however small, the people are thankful.

The Y.M.C.A. have been holding a campaign against Opium and allied Drugs, and we trust their efforts will be crowned with success.

During one of the many storms which have visited this coast this season, two fishermen were drowned despite the efforts made by their fellows to save them.

Kao Tacyin has been away on a visit to Mukden to solicit help from Marshal Chang, and it is reported that large quantities of ammunition are now on their way to this province as the result of his visit.

**Social Changes.**

Several residents have left us since I last wrote, among them being our genial Consul, Mr. J. L. Smith, who is leaving for a well-earned furlough. His successor, Mr. C. F. Garstin, has arrived and taken over duties at the British Consulate.

The last of the series of Lectures which have been given at the C. I. M. Memorial Hall this term was delivered by Mr. P. A. Bruce (B.A.), his subject being "Racial Problems."

The lecture was most interesting and instructive. Mr. Bruce dealing with many sides of the question, and closing with a stirring appeal to all to face and share the problems of the land in which we live in a true spirit of brotherhood and thus be helpers one to the other.

The Rev. A. H. Faers was Chairman and introduced the lecturer.

We regret to note that after many years of faithful and unremitting service Mr. Tan T'ai has resigned from the Chairmanship of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

This will not only be a great loss to that body, but will have its effect on the whole of the business world of this port.

**Movies.**

The officials of the Chefoo Club are doing their best to cater for the amusement of the public during these long evenings, by showing some high-class cinema pictures once a week, and we are glad to say that their efforts are being much appreciated.

A tax upon the local butchers by the Chief of Police has resulted in a meat strike. We hear that arrangements are being made to meet the demand, by considerably raising the price of meat.

Another tax is being levied on the postal parcel service of two per cent. on all parcels, both inward and outward, "going through" the mail.

The new building which has been erected in Beach Street for the postal service is now ready, and the opening day is fixed for the 15th instant when the official will be "At Home" in their new premises for the transaction of business.

The building is a fine one, being imposing in size and graceful in appearance. It is one of the very best buildings in the port. Mr. A. P. Dowglass, the Architect, and Messrs. Wang Teh Cheng, the builders are to be congratulated on the completion of their work.

**Serious Fire.**

A serious fire broke out in the Chinese city during the early hours of Wednesday morning, and despite the efforts of the Fire Brigade, much damage was done, three shops being completely gutted. We hear that all three shops were insured.

Several good football matches have been held this season between the Settlement and Boys' School teams. The playing has been very even, both sides winning a fair number of goals.

Armistice Day was observed here yesterday, commencing with a short and very impressive service at St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Rev. B. M. McOwan. The two minutes silence was observed at 11 a.m. by the whole congregation standing. The British Consul and a large number of residents attended, and the Service closed with the singing of the National Anthem. A Collection was taken on behalf of Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Soldiers.

During the evening a very successful dinner and entertainment was given at the invitation of the Ex-Service Men concluding with a dance which was greatly enjoyed.

Ladies' Night Peepshow.

The usual box of peepshows failed to reach us in time, so several local ladies, working like Trojans, at the last minute came to the rescue, with the result that by their combined efforts \$225 was netted for Earl Haig's Fund, making, with the Church Collection, a total of \$291, which will be forwarded in due course to help a little in this grand work for the amelioration of suffering among the men who fought so gallantly and are more or less disabled for life.

Our first fall of snow fell last Friday, covering the hills with a white mantle for the last part of the day.

## THANKSGIVING DAY.

### TO-MORROW'S AMERICAN ANNIVERSARY.

### PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

To-morrow will be observed by American citizens throughout the world as "Thanksgiving Day"—a day set apart by Presidential proclamation as a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of the year then ended.

Thanksgiving Day may not be observed in Hong Kong on such a lavish scale as is the case in the United States or even in Shanghai, where there is a large American community, but, generally speaking, local Americans will observe the day as an unofficial holiday. Most of the business houses will be closed, whilst only one official will be on duty at the United States Consulate-General for the purpose of dealing with urgent matters.

There will, of course, be many dinner parties both in private homes and at the local caravansaries in the evening, whilst special arrangements have been made to give the American sailors and marines a good time on board their ships.

**President's Proclamation.**

In accordance with time-honoured custom, President Coolidge has issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation. This, which we publish by courtesy of the United States Consul-General, reads as follows:

"As a nation we have passed another twelve months in the favour of the Almighty. He has smiled on our fields and they have brought forth plenty, business has prospered, industries have flourished, and labour has been well employed. While sections of our country have been visited by disaster we have been spared any great national calamity, or pestilential visitation. We are blessed among the nations of the earth.

"Our moral and spiritual life has kept measure with our material prosperity. We are not unmindful of the gratitude we owe to God for his watchful care which pointed out to us the ways of peace and happiness. We should not fail in our acknowledgment of his divine favour which has bestowed upon us so many blessings; neither should we be forgetful of those among us who, through stress of circumstances, are less fortunately placed, but by deeds of charity make our acknowledgment more acceptable in his sight.

"Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayers, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work and in their homes, or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings which have been received, and seek his guidance, that through good deeds and brotherly love they may deserve a continuance of his favour.

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**CALEVIN COOLIDGE.**

By the President,  
**JOSEPH C. GREW.**  
Acting Secretary of State.

### CAUTIONED.

### STORY OF A BRIBE NOT PROVED.

The case in which a Chinese youth, charged with obstruction before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on Monday, had pleaded that the constable who arrested him had demanded a bribe, was again before the Court this morning.

Sgt. Nollott informed His Worship that he had been investigating the matter, but had not been able to secure evidence to corroborate the story of the defendant.

"You must understand," said the Magistrate, "that because, as a member of the Homeless Boys' Club, the Police give you a free licence, you are not immune from the regulations. If you are brought up again, I shall fine you. This time, you are cautioned."

Ladies, working like Trojans, at the last minute came to the rescue, with the result that by their combined efforts \$225 was netted for Earl Haig's Fund, making, with the Church Collection, a total of \$291, which will be forwarded in due course to help a little in this grand work for the amelioration of suffering among the men who fought so gallantly and are more or less disabled for life.

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## WORLD MOVEMENT.

General Booth on S. A.  
Endeavour.

## CHAT WITH PRESSMEN.

Hospital and Missionary Work  
Overseas.

Although over seventy, General Bramwell Booth, at present in Hong Kong on a world tour of Salvation Army centres, has retained those qualities of character which have made him such a force in the realm of religious work among the masses.

These qualities were marked in his bearing and delivery on the occasion of an interview yesterday with local Press representatives when General Booth reviewed the activities of the Salvation Army at Home and abroad. General Booth expresses himself with vigour and sincerity and his personality cannot fail to impress those who will hear him at the Theatre Royal at 5.30 p.m. to-day when he is to lecture on "The Spirit and Purpose of the Salvation Army."

Emphasising the essentially practical side of the work, General Booth remarked that nobody could accuse Jesus Christ of being "respectable" in its commonly accepted meaning. He consoled with the most unhappy sections of the community; no-one could accuse him of being a mere "intellectual"; his teaching was saturated with the tenderest and most human of emotionalism.

No-one could accuse him of mere theorising, for although his teaching was full of wisdom and comprised the highest possible form of philosophy it also laid an obligation on his followers to do something practical—to help those who were down and out and give them a new hope. It was following these lines that the Salvation Army was conducting its work and it could claim to have achieved a measure of success in that it had in many instances changed bad characters into good.

## Leper &amp; Beggar Work.

Dealing with missionary work undertaken by the movement, General Booth said that he was going on to Sumatra to look over the leper work which the Army was directing there with a view to its extension. In Colombo, his next port of call, the Army had done a fine work in looking after the beggars who in former times had infested the city. On the occasion of a visit there formerly, the Government had asked him if the Army could cope with the problem and they had undertaken it with so much success that there no longer existed a beggar problem in Colombo.

In Europe, where he would examine the work done by the Army, one of the biggest things achieved was the provision of homes for the formerly "night homeless" in all the big European cities. In Paris the Army had provided accommodation for 1,000 women and 500 or 600 men. In Berlin it had made similar provisions for over 4,000 women and even more men and similar institutions were successfully operating in Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and other big cities. In London, the results had been even more striking. "The night homeless' problem has gone," said General Booth. "We have got them all under cover and that without pauperising them."

Dealing with his present tour, General Booth said that he had been impressed whilst in Japan and Korea with the huge crowds of Buddhists and Confucians, who had listened spellbound to "the power of the truth, the story of Jesus Christ, as a man who gave his life for them". Hundreds of them had stood up among the crowds and made a "public confession of the abandonment of their former faiths."

## A "Hard Life."

Dealing with factors which he thought were significant of a future advance for the Army, General Booth said that of the 2,000 young men and women the Army was training for extending the work, a large percentage were the children of "our own people." They were aware that the life of an officer of the Army was a hard and even melancholy one, that his life was spent largely with people who were miserable and broken; they were aware that there was no money in the calling they were preparing for—but they had had devoted their lives to the service in spite of this.

Another significant fact in regard to the future was that 80 per cent. of the money raised to carry on Army work was raised by the Salvation Army people themselves. Dealing with the extension of the work of the Army, General Booth said that when his father, the founder of the movement, died twelve years ago, the annual expenditure on missionary work was £80,000. Last year, £240,000 had been spent in extending the work of the Army among peoples over-

## DELAY IN TRADE.

## PIECE GOODS MEN AT VARIANCE.

## CANTON STOCKS TO-DAY.

Uneasiness regarding the boycott and trade with Canton is decreasing every day. Confidence is being slowly but gradually restored so that Chinese are not entirely avoiding British vessels as they were a few weeks ago.

Inquiries tend to show that the stocks of piece goods rushed up from Hong Kong to Canton immediately, after Oct. 10 have now been more or less consumed.

Dealers at that time were so anxious to be prepared that shipments ceased for a while and then the "new boycott" began.

The quantity at present in the hands of Canton merchants is less than normal and shipments would be going up again—the new boycott having lapsed—were it not for a feeling of great unrest in the piece goods trade in Canton.

## Rival Guilds.

Employees of dealers and retail shops are divided into two rival guilds, one allegedly partial to the masters and the other comprising the radicals.

Both sides have invoked outside help and semi-official influence. Bad feeling is rife. Accordingly, the merchants themselves are preferring to wait before making commitments.

Yet another "tramp" ship is to join the regular Hong Kong-Canton run.

At present there are quite a few Chinese and other steamers plowing on the river carrying freight. None has been withdrawn and a new one in the "Yee On" (Chinese registry) has been put on.

Further evidence that the trade exists is found in the fact that one of the river steamboats for years on the Wuchow run has been diverted to the Hong Kong-Canton service.

## Shipping Trouble.

Canton, Nov. 23.

The Shanghai (head) office of the China Merchants S.N. Co. has cabled to the Canton Government that if agitation by labour unions against the company's vessels calling at Swatow and Canton is not stopped, the boats will cease running, pending public judgment.—"Wah Tsz Yat Po."

A vernacular paper states that Chinese publications at Hankow have been suspended on account of a strike of printers.

## THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the weather forecast for all local districts is: N. E. winds, moderate; fine.

At 10.48 a.m. to-day Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased moderately over Japan and decreased slightly over China. It is nearly stationary over Formosa and the Philippines.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.06; temperature 64; humidity 78; wind E.N.E., force 2; weather overcast.

"Oh, I see, the market closes at eight o'clock, so you were going there to buy fish at 9.45? You were rather late," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to a man charged with hawking without a licence. His Worship fined the defendant \$2.

There was by no means fully met as yet. The Army had need of men and women to work in such places as Hong Kong but they were hampered by lack of funds and by lack of volunteers.

## Increasing Progress.

In spite of the difficulties with which they were hampered, the leaders of the movement had accomplished much. The progress made in the last ten years had been greater than ever before. In addition to the extension of the work at Home, much had been accomplished overseas. Thirty-five hospitals had been founded and four were at the present moment under construction—one in China, three in India and one in Central Africa.

The Army still had need of nurses and doctors to devote themselves to the extension of the work in this direction and also in the realm of journalism. The Army had over a hundred newspapers and periodicals and the need for men to devote themselves to this work was equally as great.

In conclusion, General Booth dealt with aspects which he claimed made the movement essentially a world-wide one. Its sphere of usefulness was not restricted to the country which witnessed its foundation. Whether it was in Lapland, in Uganda, in the cities of Germany or here in the East, the same motive force was to be found—the same living, vital force although manifesting itself in different ways in harmony with the thought and feelings of peoples of different nationalities.

## FINAL MEETING.

(Continued from page 1.)

history of anyone attending an important gathering such as this, I leave fully satisfied that whatever I wanted to have and to attain has been attained at these meetings; and what is more, it has been attained with the full co-operation and sympathy of all.

Free State Pleased.

Mr. O'Higgins, the Minister of Justice of the Irish Free State, recognised gratefully that every matter raised by the Irish representatives had received fair and friendly consideration. The fullest desire had been shown to meet them in a reasonable way on every issue.

After Mr. Coates, the New Zealand Premier, Mr. Monroe the Newfoundland Premier, and the Maharajah of Burdwan had spoken, the British Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, said that the presence of the delegations and the spirit of the Conference had filled this country with a new vigour and hope.

The Conference had been marked by as fine a spirit as any that has ever met, and the progress made might be measured, not so much

perhaps by written words, important as those were, but rather by refreshment of spirit in every corner of the Empire.

Review of the Results.

A complete review of the work of the Conference is contained in a report issued this evening. It comprises a survey of the recommendations made by the various committees and endorsed by the Conference which have already been published, and includes brief statements on the confidential debates in full Conference on foreign affairs and defence.

Up to the present the common idea of Empire has been that the Motherland has been the focus and the Dominions the end of radial lines on the map.

Now as a result of the atmosphere of this conference there was a sort of web with the growth in importance of Dominion relations.

For instance, Australia and South Africa will now communicate with each other on such questions as forestry research instead of agreement is ever to be secured. Cabinet government would obviously become impossible if each Minister proclaimed beforehand the policy he proposed to stand for invariably, and very much the same was true of the Council and its members at Geneva.

Regarding disarmament, he emphasised the need of exhaustive preparation before anything so ambitious as a worldwide conference was actually convened, and associated himself, with Lord Cecil's doubts as to the wisdom of pressing for a conference next year.—British Wireless Service.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED  
IN THE MAIL.

Entertainments.

November 24—Queen's Theatre, "The Merry Widow."

November 24—World Theatre, "Don't Doubt Your Husband."

November 24—Star Theatre, "The Crowded Hour."

November 24—Wanchai Wesleyan Church Concert at the Wesleyan's Sailors and Soldiers' Home (Arsenal St.) 9 p.m.

November 26—Practice dances for St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m.

November 30—St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 9.30 p.m.

December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society Presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matines on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

Sports.

November 27—5th Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

December 4—Theatre Royal, 15-round bout for the G.M. Young belt, between Able Seaman Ewin (holder) and Stoker Norman Morris.

Empire General Staffs.

London, Nov. 23.

A summary of the conclusions issued at the termination of the Imperial Conference says the Conference has made it clear that the Empire Governments remain firmly attached to the policy of peace and support of the League of Nations as the great influence of peace.

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Defence of the Empire.

On the question of imperial Defence, the Conference expressed regret that it had been impossible to make greater progress with the international reduction and limitation of armaments, and declared the common desire of the governments represented to do their utmost in pursuit of this object, so far as it was consistent with the safety of all parts of the Empire and its colonies.

The Conference recommended the extension of the co-operation and consultation of the general staffs throughout the Empire and the creation of an adequate chain of air bases and aerial refuelling stations.

Maritime Law Changes.

The report states that the representatives of Australia, New Zealand and India were specially interested in the steps already taken to develop the Singapore base with the object of facilitating the free movement of fleets and in view of the heavy expenditure involved, they would welcome the spirit shown in the contributions made with the object of expediting the work.

The Conference noted with satisfaction the progress towards unification of maritime law, with regard to the limitation of shipowners' liability and maritime mortgages.

The Conference recommends the adoption of the Brussels draft International conventions' horizon.

The final act of the Conference was a message to the King emphasising the spirit of goodwill, earnest desire and co-operation pervading the proceedings, and expressing fidelity and devotion to the Crown as "the abiding symbol and emblem of the unity of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Ulster Position.

London, Nov. 23.

The Northern Ireland Cabinet has decided that the Premier, Sir James Craig, and the Ministers of Finance and Labour shall immediately proceed to London to make representations with regard to Ulster's position as it arises out of the Imperial Conference proposals.

Quicker Ocean Services.

The report also contains the resolution passed on the recommendations of the committee on Imperialism.

Communications other than those not hitherto published.

It states that the Conference was impressed with the necessity of improving the speed of ocean communications between the various parts of the Empire, and especially between Great Britain, India and Australia, and between Great Britain and New Zealand.

"They are unable on the information now available to make any recommendation on a specific proposal that was placed before them for an improved service between Great Britain, India and Australia. They nevertheless believe that acceleration in communications generally, and especially between Great Britain and the more important Dominions, can be brought about, and they share the view that the governments concerned should further investigate the possibilities." —British Wireless Service.

Striking Feature.

London, Nov. 23.

The Imperial Conference delegates resumed their silk hats and morning coats on the occasion of the final meeting at Downing Street this afternoon, when the report of the proceedings was adopted and vindictory speeches were delivered.

Nothing could be more disastrous than that States on the Council should fall into two camps, and nothing more fatal than that smaller States should ever think they could benefit themselves by fomenting differences among the great Powers.

The Foreign Secretary referred

to the danger of States going to Geneva so pledged to a specific and publicly proclaimed policy, as to deter them from making these concessions to opposing opinions that must frequently be necessary if agreement is ever to be secured.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

The strike at the Hankow Post Office has been settled and the strikers were to return to work on November 14.

News is to hand from Tsinan that Army Notes to the value of \$1,200,000 were burned officially at 10 a.m. on 10th inst. in the Public Park.

The Philippine Carnival Association has donated P2,000 to the victims of the recent typhoon which swept Batangas, Tayabas and Laguna.

All two-wheeled carts plying in Dairen are required to be converted into four-wheeled ones by the end of the current year, so that there will be no two-wheeled ones driven in the streets during next year.

On arrival in Shanghai from Japan on November 14, a Japanese young man took lodgings at the Kotsuta Kan Hotel on Seward Road. At about 10 p.m., he was found in his bed, in agony, having attempted to commit suicide by drinking poison. He succumbed at 2 a.m. The man had registered his name as Yoshinori Tamura from Tokyo.

Following the outbreak of trouble between the foreign and the Korean officers of the Salvation Army in Seoul, the latter, numbering 100, made the Orphanage (run by the Army) their Headquarters, which they held until they were dismissed by the Commissioner. They are still in a fury of excitement, declaring that they would fight against the foreign officers to the last.

Thirty ex-workers of the Japanese Cotton Mills in the Siao Soo Doo district of Shanghai held a meeting on November 14. The following resolutions were discussed and passed: 1. That representatives be sent to convey the sympathy of the cotton mill workers to the crews of vessels of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., who are now on strike. 2. That the Chinese Relief Society be requested to assist in securing the release of the students and labourers now held in custody by the Chinese authorities.

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The opening debate of the Literary and Debating Society, European Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon), is to be held at 9 p.m. to-morrow.

Tuesday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony comprised one case of enteric fever (typhoid) and one of puerperal fever. Both patients are Chinese from the city district.

The results of the Victoria Branch of the M.C.L. Raffles are: Dinner Service, Ticket No. 72 F. C. Hall, Jewel Casket, Ticket No. 11 Mrs. Carpenter, Haori Coat, Ticket No. 126 Holder unknown—please telephone C.614.—Advt.

Seven persons were killed and four injured in the explosion of a boiler in the Zapote Rice Mill at Bacoor, Cavite, P. I., on the 18th inst. The explosion was heard for many miles around and completely wrecked the place. The disaster was caused by excessive steam pressure.

Boarding the lion in his den seems to be the favourite sport of a Chinese thief. This worthy, in the early hours broke into the house of Supt. Vaughan of the Shanghai Municipal Police, and stole a few comparatively valueless knick-knacks. Possibly as a souvenir of the occasion, he also stole one of the superintendent's best uniforms.

A report received in the Colony yesterday stated that eight sisters of the Maryknoll Mission, who left Hong Kong for Kungmou last week, were attacked by bandits and robbed of all their possessions shortly before reaching their destination. The party returned to Hong Kong yesterday, but the Procedure of the Mission refused to make a statement to the press.

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Mr. H. E. O. Ewerlof, Swedish Minister to China, is visiting Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Grimwood have arrived in Malacca from Borneo and are now on Bertram Estate.

Mr. R. A. Curry, architect, Shanghai, has returned with his family. Mr. Curry had been on an extended travel throughout the United States, Britain, France, and Italy.

The Private Secretary to the Governor of Madras has sent the following letter to "The Hindu" touching the death of its late editor, who died on October 22:—"I am to say that His Excellency has learnt with deep regret of the death of Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar, and to express his sympathy in the loss which your paper and Indian journalism in general has sustained thereby."

A New York cable of Nov. 14 says:—Princess Divani of the royal house of Georgia, Russia, known to the movie multitude as Mae Murray, and her fourth and last husband, were on the high seas to-day en route to Georgia. Prince David Divani, at one time an oil driller and helper, employed by the Harry F. Sinclair Company in Oklahoma, said the trip was being made to ask the royal family's consent to his entering the movies.

Mr. D. F. Mace, the new Adviser to the Siamese Customs and Excise, is quite a young man, being only 35 years of age. He received a commission in the British Customs and Excise in 1911, and from 1914 to 1917, he was employed in naval intelligence and contraband control. From January, 1924, to January, 1925, he was Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Kenya Colony and Uganda. He comes with a high reputation as a keen and able administrator.

The ex-Governor General of Netherlands India, Mr. van Limburg Stirum, who held office before Mr. Fock, is to visit the N.E.I. It appears that he has intended making this trip for a considerable time, but circumstances have not permitted it. He is a great friend of the present Governor and in addition a congenial spirit. It is to be a private visit during which the late Governor hopes to renew the ties which he made during his stay in the colony, says the "Singapore Free Press" correspondent.

Five persons were injured and 22 houses were demolished in a fire which took place in Faoshan Road, Chapel, Shanghai, on November 13.

The theft of \$1,500 in cash and \$18,000 in native orders (unnegotiable) from the safe on the premises of the Tea Export and Import Co., So Honan Road, is puzzling the Shanghai police.

On November 14 170 juvenile workers employed in the winding room of the Yangtszeppu Cotton Mill, Shanghai, struck at 6 a.m. to enforce a demand to have their working time reduced by one hour per day, and Sundays observed as holidays. As a result of this strike 90 male and female workers in the spinning room and 35 in the carding room have been rendered idle.

**THEOSOPHY**  
"Dharma" will be the subject of this week's PUBLIC LECTURE of the Hong Kong Lodge The THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 7, Duddell Street, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, at 6 P.M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, R.N., who has now been about two years in charge of Naval establishments at Hong Kong, is to be entertained to a farewell dinner at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club at 8 p.m. to-morrow. A very keen yachtsman, Rear-Admiral Stirling has taken a full share of the Club's activities and he was always to the fore in the Club v. Royal Navy races. He also served on the committees of the Yacht Club.

The 43rd Annual Al Fresco Fete of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, December 5, from 8.30 p.m. until 11.30 p.m. A number of attractive side shows have been arranged and it is hoped that this event—which is under the distinguished patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi—will draw a large attendance, for this most deserving charity is greatly in need of funds.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## ISAACS'S INNINGS.

## COMMENT ON THE INTERPORT MATCH.

Thus the "Shanghai Times" of November 18:

Isaacs's innings in the interport cricket match between Shanghai and Hong Kong will go down in the history of such contests as one of the most thrilling ever witnessed. Judging from the short account of the match received, the crowd at the Hong Kopp Cricket Club yesterday must have been on its toes during every ball bowled in that last stand between Isaacs and Barnes, when each ball might end the match; and yet each ball might win it. Barnes is an accomplished stonewaller if he sets his mind to it. His sure eye enables him to get his bat in the way of every ball that comes along, and we can imagine him there sitting on his splice, unenterprising, untempted, yet keeping his end up in an invaluable manner, while Isaacs, gifted with little science with the willow, hits out at everything. One can imagine the desperation of the Hong Kong bowlers as they saw the runs being knocked off by these two last men—the men who were least expected to be troublesome. And when Isaacs swept that ball away over the tapes for the winning run, one can imagine the cheers which burst forth. Cricketers are as a rule an amnesiac class, and to have the team storm the pitch and carry off the hero, Isaacs, shoulder high, is a testimony to the excitement which prevailed. Hong Kok won the last interport match played.

The Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Hong Kong Hockey Club at King's Park to-morrow has been chosen as follows:—W. Borrowman, F. Wheeler, E. D. Murphy, J. Gardner, A. A. Dand, A. Ruston, G. B. Slipper, W. Greenhalgh, J. Petrie, E. W. Railton and P. L. F. Thomas.

## NEW CHINA.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE TO HELP HER?

Col. C. L'Estrange Malone, F.R.A.C.S., who recently returned from a tour of investigation in China, during which he lived with the Chinese, in Chinese fashion, and visited all the important centres from Harbin to Canton, has set out his findings in an I.L.P. publication entitled, "New China."

Part I deals in a well-written and interesting eight chapters with the political situation. Colonel Malone, after describing the vastness of China, gives his views on the numerous "Governments" there, among which he includes the Diplomatic Corps, as a force of influence. He favours the party at Canton—the Kuomintang—as the hope of China, and the only party with a definite and detailed programme. Among other matters reviewed by Colonel Malone in the question, "What can be done to help their interests? Answering the question, "What can be done to help China out of the welter and chaos into which she has fallen?" he says it is surely time to take what appears to be the best course in the present situation, and end the "humbug of Peking," the support of a shadow Government under the pretence that it is the central authority in China, and recognise for the time being the de facto partition of China, giving to each Government its appropriate share of the surplus of the Customs Revenue. Britain he holds, should take the lead rather than invariably follow up in the rear in revision of policy and cutback, and the first step he advocates is the withdrawal of British troops from Chinese soil and British gunboats from Chinese territorial waters, except when they are permitted to be there. Great Britain must also accept the fact that the time has come for the revision of her treaties. Extraterritoriality undoubtedly must go. "New China" is published by the Independent Labour Party Publication Department, and can be obtained through the Chinese Information Bureau, 65, Belgrave-road, London, S.W.1. The price is 6d., or by post 8d.

The fashionable young man approached his prospective father-in-law.

"I say," he said, "your daughter has just promised to marry me. But one has to be careful these days, I'd like to know, just to be sure, is there any insanity in your family?"

The old man regarded the young fellow for a few minutes. "There must be," he replied.

## "SWEEP" TICKET.

## CLUB COMMITTEE IN LITIGATION.

Penang, Oct. 27.

In the Supreme Court Mr. Justice Brown made an order on the application of twelve of thirteen defendants—the Committee of Management of the Chinese Sporting Club—claiming indemnification against the thirteenth defendant against any liability (which they deny) that may be attached to them in respect of a cheque for the amount of a sweepstake prize, upon which the holder of the cheque, Mrs. Ewe Keat-moh, widow of Mr. Ng Boobee, deceased, is suing them.

Mr. Justice Brown found that the second defendant was entrusted by the committee with certain powers, namely, the payment of three cheques, and was alleged to have abused those powers, disposing of one cheque in a manner in which he had no authority to do so, thereby making possible a claim against the committee.

He thought that there was a question proper to be tried as to the second defendant's liability to indemnify the other defendants, and from the point of view of convenience it was certainly better in this case that the whole matter be dealt with in one proceeding.—A.N.A.

## FANLING GOLF.

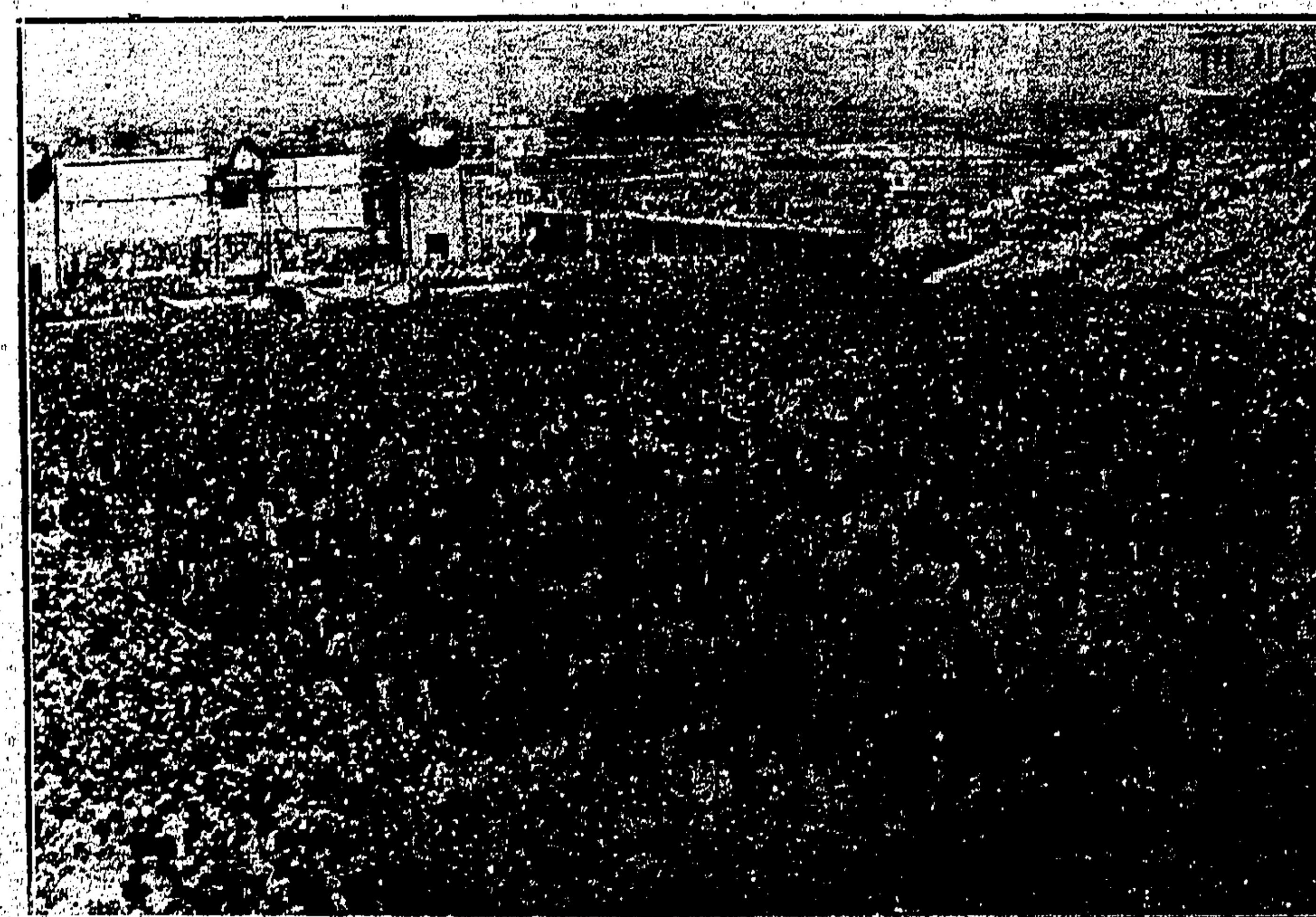
The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club bogey pool at Fanling last week-end was won by H. U. Ireland with a score of 1<sup>st</sup> down. Twelve cards were taken out.

By 2 goals to nil, Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers at Kowloon yesterday in an interesting hockey match, the soldiers having won last Friday by 3-nil.

## A DUTCH ARTIST.

## THE BEAUTY OF THE EAST INDIES.

The East Indies have a romantic atmosphere of their own, but only a few Dutch artists have tried to exploit it. One of them is Mr. Jan Poortenaar, and he is exhibiting his water-colours and etchings at the Little Art Rooms, London. His large etchings, such as "Market Scene, Java," and "Malay Houses, Sumatra," are excellent technically, and contain such decorative material as the tortuous, moss-draped growth of waving trees, which gives the impression that, in the time at his disposal, Mr. Poortenaar was too much occupied with the interesting facts to give much heed to arrangement. The smaller studies are delightful—particularly the series of etchings of actors and actresses engaged in the elaborate "hand ritual" of the Java and Bali theatre, the etchings of landscape subjects—carved of wood, gateways and curious trees—and such slight water-colours as "Fruit-seller," "On the River, Sumatra," the two "Demons," and "Bati Dancer."



Two hundred thousand persons attended a game celebrated by Cardinal Dougherty at the Compton Field Stadium at Philadelphia.

## FRENCH ENVOY.

## RELINQUISHES WASHINGTON POST.

Paris, Nov. 23.

The French Government has offered to renew M. Berenger's ambassadorship to Washington, but M. Berenger has written to M. Briand declining, saying he has remained at the disposal of the Government beyond his term, for collaboration in the ratification of the Franco-American agreement, but his period expired before ratification, therefore he must ask for his diplomatic mission to be considered terminated.—Reuter.

## ENEMY PROPERTY.

## AMERICANS' CLAIMS TO BE PAID.

Berlin, Nov. 7.

Nicholas Longworth, chairman of the United States Congress, made a statement to the press to the effect that the first business of Congress when it reassembles in December next will be legislation on the question of the property of former enemies confiscated during the war.

It is expected, he declared, that such property will be given back to its former owners and that the claims of Americans which were passed by the mixed claims commission would also be paid out in the near future.—A.N.A.

## IDLE GERMANS.

## A PLEA FOR TAXATION LENIENCY.

Berlin, October 28.—The Social Affairs Committee of the Reichstag has concluded its debate on the revision of the measures for the relief of unemployment. The Social Democrats moved an extension of the present measures until the end of March next. Minister of Labour Dr. Brauns stated that the number of the unemployed had decreased by 600,000 since the spring of this year, and that the steady decrease of unemployment was likely to continue.

The Prussian Government's income from taxation having largely exceeded the estimates, the Government has requested the authorities to make the utmost use of their powers of leniency in consideration of the widespread distress caused by the too heavy taxation throughout the country.

The rumour that Germany is contemplating calling an International financial Congress for the execution of the programme discussed by Foreign Ministers Briand and Stresemann at their recent meeting at Thoiry is semi-officially refuted at Berlin.—A.N.A.

New York, November 23.—Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Junior, has presented \$50,000 to the tenth anniversary campaign fund of the Federation to support Jewish Philanthropic Societies, which is reported to be the largest contribution ever made by a Gentle to a Jewish philanthropic organisation.—Reuter's American Service.

Managua, November 23.—Three American destroyers have arrived off Bluefields and are patrolling the east coast, which with the exception to Bluefields and El Bluff, which form a neutral zone, is now controlled by the Liberal insurgents, who are up in arms against the government. An American aeroplane is searching for an alleged Mexican gun runner off Corinto.—Reuter's American Service.

Airman to Rastus: Steward, how would you like to have a flip?

Rastus: No, sah, I stays on terra firma, and the more firmah the less terra.

"Well, James," said her ladyship, "if these people will build those horrid little houses near my gate, I shall have to leave the district."

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"See I. Do you want to drive away the goose that lays the golden eggs?"

## 1904 CRIME.

## EVADED ARREST FOR TWENTY YEARS.

Paris, Nov. 23.

At the Colombo Assizes, before Mr. E. W. Jayewardene, K.C., and an English-speaking jury, on October 22, an old man of 77 years named N. P. John Singho alias Thatta Baas, who had evaded arrest for over twenty years, was indicted with the murder of a toddy tapper named Bampy Appu, by striking him with a club at Walana, near Panadura, on October 19, 1904.

Mr. Gruenier, detailing the facts said that the case was an extraordinary one, inasmuch as the alleged murder had been committed so long ago as October, 1904. The reason for the unusually long delay was the fact that the accused abandoned and could not be arrested, although he was proclaimed and his properties were sold. The case for the prosecution was supported by two witnesses. A curious feature of the case was that out of six original witnesses only two were available, two having died and a third was bedridden and blind.

According to the two witnesses, the accused had an altercation with the deceased for refusing to give him some toddy. When the deceased was walking away, the accused struck him on the head with a club.

The defence was that the accused had been staying for the last 25 years in Kandy.

The jury found the accused guilty of having caused grievous hurt.

His Lordship, addressing the accused, said: "There is no doubt that you struck that man. This must have been hanging over your head for twenty long years. That alone must have been sufficient punishment. I order you to enter into a bond of Rs. 500 to be of good behaviour for two years."

## WEDDED AMERICAN.

## RUSSIAN WOMAN ASKS ANNULMENT.

Mrs. Olga I. Lange Wohlman, a Russian who had married a soldier with the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia on January 25, 1920 at Vladivostock, appeared before Judge Milton D. Purdy, in the U.S. Court for China, Shanghai, on November 12, seeking an annulment of the marriage on grounds that it was illegal under the laws of the U.S.S.R. Government which do not permit a Russian to marry a non-Christian. Wohlman, who was not present at the proceedings but represented by U.S. District Attorney Husar, is a Jew.

Mr. Luchich, attorney for the petitioner, told the Court that the marriage was illegal in the American sense also as the defendant had not secured a licence or permission from his Army superiors. He said that after the marriage the two went to Manila and lived as man and wife there for a month and a half when Wohlman, taking advantage of his wife's ignorance of English, induced her to sign an agreement of separation.

He threatened to strand her in Manila if she didn't sign, but advanced her passage to Shanghai when she did and never saw him since.

Mr. Luchich offered to quote Russian law to support the grounds in the petition but his Honour ordered a brief to be filed and took the matter under advisement.

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## "DANGEROUS."

## NO RIFLES FOR MISSIONARIES IN HONAN.

Hunan missionaries will have to fight bandits with their bare fists, judging by the refusal of the Ministry of War to allow them to have guns.

It appears that about twenty American missionaries in Honan, the most bandit-stricken province in China, issued a telegram to the United States Legation asking that permission be obtained from the Chinese Government granting missionaries the right to use rifles to protect themselves against brigands.

The Legation referred the matter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which in turn submitted the communication to the Ministry of War. The officials of the last-named organ pondered the question, gravely shook their wise heads, and finally announced that it would be dangerous — very dangerous in fact—to allow foreigners to purchase arms during the present time "when conditions are so unsettled." Furthermore the officials stated that the missionaries' request was unreasonable, and there the matter ended.

The above report is translated from the "Peking Jih Pao," which claims to be the oldest Chinese paper in Peking.

## BLIND FOR LIFE.

At the Japanese Consular Court, Shanghai, on November 12, S. Sugiyama, who while hunting, hit a Chinese farmer in his eye by accident, was brought up before Judge S. Aoki and Acting-Prosecutor S. Tajima, to answer charge the hearing of which was continued from November 2.

At the conclusion of the trial, the prosecutor told the Court that although by accident the Chinese farmer had become blind in one eye, for life, for that a fine not less than Yen 300 should be imposed.

However, taking into consideration the extenuating circumstances, defendant having paid the doctor's fee amounting to \$150 for the Chinese, Judge Aoki gave judgment imposing Yen 50.

## SYMBOL A MYSTERY.

The sickle and hammer, symbol of the Soviet Government, has been emulated by radical Kuomintang groups in Shanghai, but in a strange and bizarre manner.

At a meeting of unemployed workers from Japanese cotton mills on November 11, it was announced that the Kuomintang section responsible for the local agitation against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang have adopted the symbol of a small brass plate and a tin whistle. Ten thousand of these tokens are reported to have been prepared for distribution to members of the section.

The Russian sickle and hammer have a very obvious significance but the plate and tin whistle of Shanghai radicals is a mystery in symbolism.—"Shanghai Times."

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## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

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T.T. on London	1/11	1/11	1/11
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Bank			
Hongkong Bank	1170 s	1170 s	1175 s
do. London	5118 n	5118 n	5118 n
Chartered Bank	221 b	221 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	220 1/2 n	220 1/2 n	—
do.	213 1/2 n	213 1/2 n	—
P. & O. Bank	69 1/4 b	610 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84 n	80 s	79 b
Marine Insurances			
Canton Insurance	640 b	625 n	625 n
China Underwriters	145 n	135 s	140 s
North China Insurance	145 n	140 n	140 s
Union Insurance	206 s	205 1/2 n	205 b
Yangtze Insurance	45 M. b	40 n	40 b
Fire Insurances			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	617 1/2 b	615 b	610 b
Shipping			
Douglas	70 s	29 1/2 s	29 s
Hongkong Steamboats	27 1/2 s	28 s	28 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	13 1/2 s	12 1/2 n	12 1/2 n
Indo-China (Pref.)	32 b	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b	40 n	40 s
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## People and Events in the News of the World



R. W. Konter, chief electrician with Commander Richard E. Byrd's Arctic flight, had President Coolidge autograph this ukulele, which was carried in the plane that flew to the North Pole.



Aimee Semple McPherson (left), evangelist, and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, were photographed in Court where they were arraigned on charges of conspiring to defraud Justice. The accusations grew out of Mrs. McPherson's disappearance.



Alejandro Pandilla, new Spanish Ambassador, in Washington.



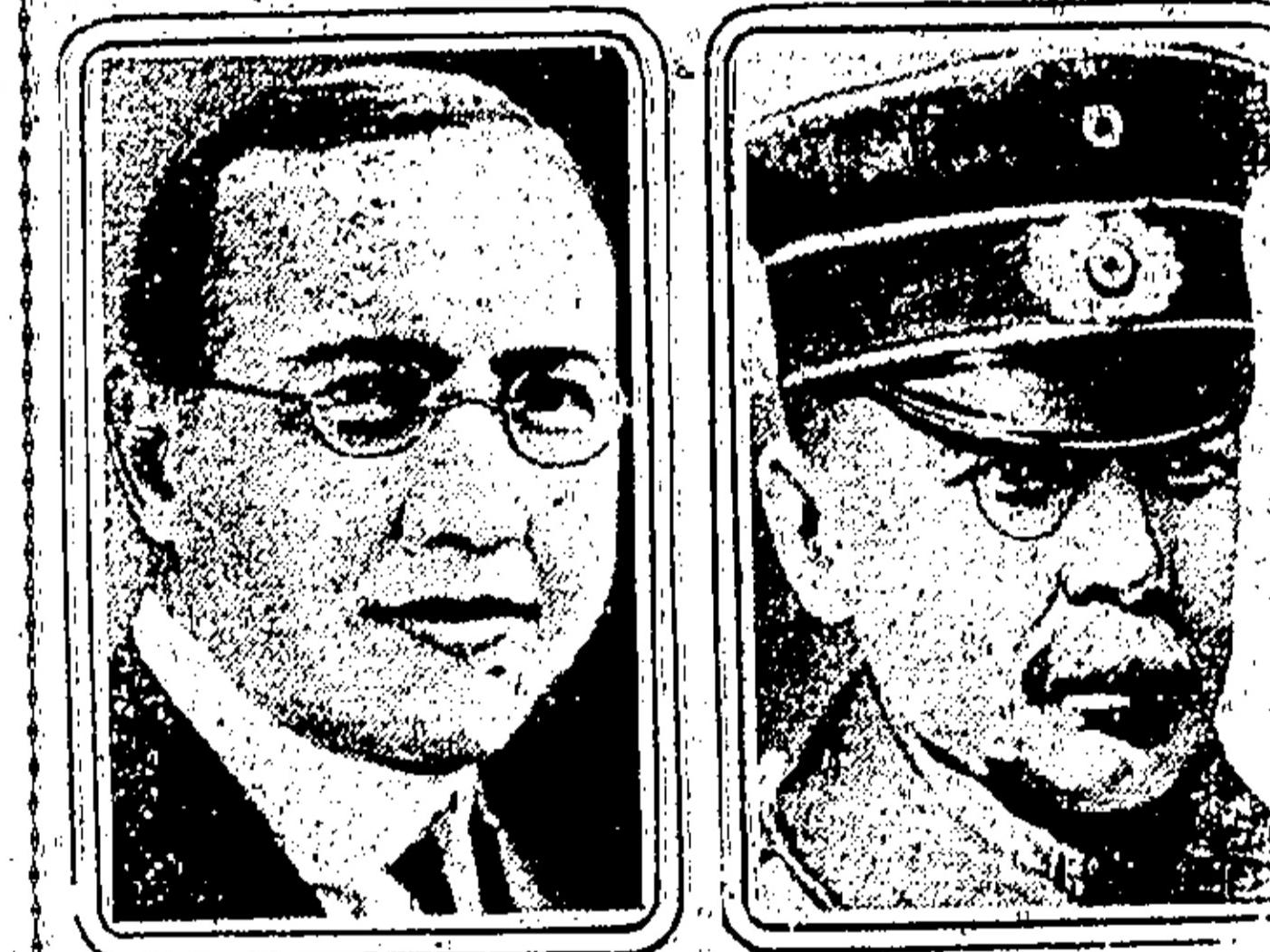
Under the direction of Head Coach Biff Jones, the West Point football team is gradually rounding into shape. Photo shows Head Coach Biff Jones (left) and Capt. "Tiny" Hewitt.



Tommy Gillespie, hockey "star," bumped into Edna Reilly in a building hallway. They became acquaintances, friends, sweethearts and mates in short order. Tom is shown visiting Edna after their marriage.



Officials of the town of Colchester, performing the ceremonies which opened the British oyster season. The town clerk, the mayor and the mace bearer, dressed in their full robes of office, are eating the first of the succulent bivalves from the shell.



DR. HENRY SUZZALO HANS VON SEECKT



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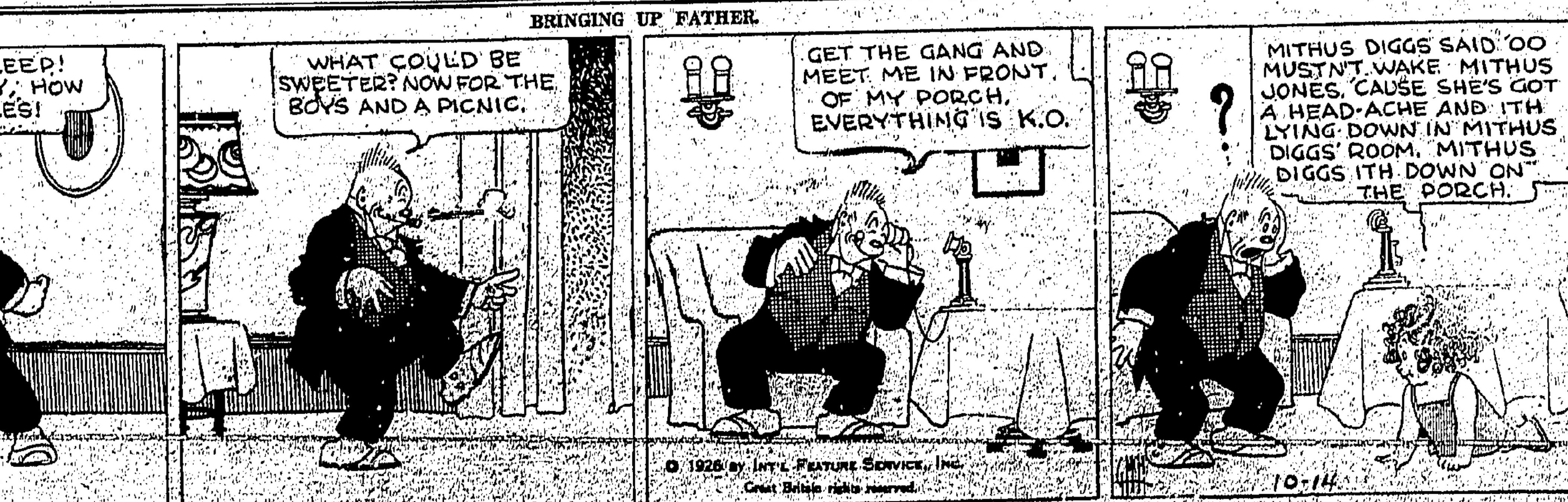
Dr. Henry Suzzallo, prominent educator, has been dismissed from his post as President of the State University of Washington. Gen. Hans von Seeckt, creator of the German Republic's army, offered his resignation when criticized for permitting Prince Wilhelm to drill. Herbert Hartley, captain of the "Leviathan," has been elevated to the position of commander. "High tariff is necessary to protect wages," declares Mr. James J. Davis, U.S. Secretary of Labour.



Colonel Thomas W. Miller (right), accompanied by his attorney, is shown on his way to court. He was on trial in New York on charges of conspiracy while alien property custodian. The jury disagreed.



Harry Klemfuss, on behalf of admirers, presented Roger Hornsby, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, with a watch.



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"SYSTEMATIC HARASSING ALLEGED."

PASSENGERS' REMEDY.

Among other matters which came up for discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce was that of the conduct of searchers at wharves, a rubber in a letter to the Chamber complaining of the "systematic harassing" of passengers by searchers in order to get "a goodly."

Mr. M. K. Lo said that the only practicable way to check this practice was by co-operation. If a searcher persecuted a passenger, the only proper course was to make a report to the Inspector. Victims must not be afraid to testify against the offender. Mr. Lo added that a few weeks ago, there was trouble of that sort on a certain steamer. Some passengers made a complaint to the agents of the vessel that they were being bullied by searchers. The agents at once got in touch with the police and a squad of detectives were sent down to the steamer, but on arrival no passenger was willing to say anything against the offender. The police, having no evidence, were unable to prosecute.

**LAND IN BORNEO.**

A VERY LARGE SCHEME.

The Jesselton correspondent of the "Singapore Free Press" writes:

A gentleman has recently arrived in North Borneo for the purpose of prospecting for the largest block of land that has so far been thought of here. It is said that the requirements of his Company extend to as much as a quarter of a million acres and some people seem to think that such a block is not to be found in the 31,000 square miles that is contained in our territory. There is however, every reason to hope that we can produce the goods. The successful development of such a large concession will have a marked effect on the fortunes of the country. It was in 1920 that a scheme was set on foot to open 100,000 acres of rubber near Sandukan and the scheme would undoubtedly have been successfully floated had the rubber slump not upset all the calculations of the promoters. Since a road has been opened for a distance of 15 miles east of the Capital there has been a miniature boom in land in that part of the country. On the West Coast and in the interior there is also no reason to complain of the lack of enterprise amongst small-holders who have steadily reinvested their profits from rubber by opening new estates.

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Miss Diana, as the pretty little suburban wife, whose intensity of affection for her husband takes the form of wanting to supervise all of his actions has never looked more beautiful in her array of chic, fashionable gowns, and never romped through a role with more fascinating humour than in "Don't Doubt Your Husband" to be screened at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

The story, written especially for her by Sadie Cowan and Howard Higgins, affords real entertainment from start to finish. The material has been deftly handled by Harry Beaumont, one of the directors who is coming to the forefront of the profession. The expert surety with which he handles big situations and minor details, as illustrated in his recent production of "Beau Brummel" for John Barrymore, is felt throughout the production.

It is a photoplay that affords topnotch entertainment, from the start, where Miss Diana, travelling the bumpy road of first year matrimony takes the wheel of their motor car from her husband and speeds to arrest, to the finish where she submits to a playful spanking for her tumultuous jealousy.

Alan Forrest, handsome and smartly groomed, plays the husband with a zestful dash, and Winifred Bryson is an alluring and beautiful figure as the interior decorator whose charms cause all the rumpus. Others in an excellently chosen cast include John Patrick, Willard Louis, Adele Watson and Robert Dunbar. John Arnold was responsible for the notable photography.

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Whoever said that cricket lacked the power to thrill—and we have for years been told that the game needed livening up—need only refer to the report telegraphed from Hong Kong of the final stages in the interport-match there, says the "North-China Daily News." Halfway through the Shanghai second innings all odds were in favour of Hong Kong; then came a recovery by Shanghai; but finally Isaacs and Barnes—last wicket—were left with 18 to make to win. One can readily picture the combination, Isaacs reads the bat, and Barnes' the wicket-keeper, who when he goes out to bat still retains the sense of his principal function on the field, that of stopping balls. If Barnes happens to nick the ball away for one the crowd cheers: if it is a two-hitter there are outcries of delight. One can picture Barnes stopping ball after ball and never attempting to hit, knowing that nine times out of ten it would be fatal, while all the time the field will gather round looking for a catch, while there is breathless excitement among the crowd, knowing that he might be tempted.

He will not, however, for he is the finest passive resistor that has been seen for years, and he keeps him end up while waiting for his partner to do the necessary scoring. Talk about team work, nothing finer can be seen in any other department of sport. The natural feeling for any man facing the bowler is in the first place to hit out and make himself the hero of the last wicket. But not so here, and that is why cricket is the great game it is, for first and last it teaches men to play the game. And so while applauding the courage of Isaacs made to win the match, we appreciate the modest five which Barnes put up, and still more the fact that on occasions such as these he always gives his scoring partner every chance.

**"URGENTLY NEEDED."**

The following telegram has been received in Shanghai from the Nanchang Hospital:

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Shanghai. Karmala.

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Suwa Maru.

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Empress of Asia.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Protellus. Macao. 8.30 a.m.

Taiwan. 10 a.m.

Haidao. 1 p.m.

Profs. Taft. 1.30 p.m.

Simolaon. 4.30 p.m.

Scheer. 4.30 p.m.

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Karmala. 10 a.m.

NOVEMBER 28.

Fooking. 1.30 p.m.

Szechow. 6 p.m.

Anking. 6 p.m.

Carnarvonshire. 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 29.

Karlo Marc. 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Karlo Marc. 9 a.m.

Monday, NOVEMBER 30.

Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow. 9 a.m.

Malacca. 9 a.m.

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#### CANTON PLANS.

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bridged at Hankow, and the Canton-Hankow railway would be completed, so as to enable trains to run from Canton to Peking.

Regarding missionaries, he declared that the Cantonese had no quarrel with Christianity and would not interfere with missionary activities.

Significant.

Peking, Nov. 24.

In view of General Chang Kai-shek's pronouncement, special significance attaches to a foreign despatch from Hankow reporting the formation of a union of subordinate Customs employees with the avowed object of taking the control of the Customs out of the hands of the foreigners.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 23.

The "Morning Post's" Geneva correspondent says that China will appeal to the League Council or to the Assembly in the Sino-Belgian dispute.

This is the inference arrived at from a statement issued by the Chinese delegations accredited to the League.

Chinese officials have announced that they received instructions from Peking to inform the League that the question does not involve a legal interpretation but the principle of equality and justice.—Reuter.

Missionaries Starving.

Peking, Nov. 23.

Foreign telegrams from Sianfu state that the missionaries there are starving.

Relief efforts have hitherto been of no avail.—Reuter.

Giving the Facts.

M. J. Clementi, the Belgian Consul-General in Hong Kong sends the following letter to "Canton Gazette":—

Sir,—In a letter which you kindly published in your number of the 12th instant, I had occasion to deny that Chinese residents in Belgium had been unfairly treated:

Now, I am surprised to read, in your edition of the 17th, a new information referring to the prosecution and expulsion of Chinese residents in Belgium by the Belgian Government as a result of a movement started to terminate the Sino-Belgian treaty which has expired, and stating that "the Commission for the abrogation of unequal treaties, indignant over the actions of the Belgian Government and in full sympathy with the Chinese overseas who suffered ill-treatment because of their patriotic actions, addressed a written request to the Central Kuomintang Headquarters to extend to these residents in Belgium substantial assistance." The note ends by saying that measures have been taken to help those who have been expelled by the Belgian Government.

Let me please tell you, first, for the edification of your readers, that I am in receipt of an official information which enables me to certify that none of the Chinese demonstrators who were invited to leave the country was living in Belgium.

The real facts were these:—

The incidents of the 27th October were only due to the attitude of the delegates of the Chinese communities in Europe who gathered in Brussels and who, after several demonstrations in the town and in front of the Government Departments, against the regulations, and notwithstanding an appeal to be calm given in a friendly way, rebelled against the police and even hit some policemen. The arrested demonstrators, however, were released shortly afterwards, and as I mentioned above, none of those who were invited to leave the country was living in Belgium.

I have no doubt that you will kindly publish this letter, which shows the incidents have been greatly exaggerated, and remain.

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Mukden, Nov. 16.

As a result of the conferences held in Tientsin, Fengtien leaders such as Marshal Chang Tso-lin, General Chung Tsung-chang, and General Chu Yu-pu decided to despatch Chihli and Shantung armies to the south on the pretext of rendering assistance to Marshal Wu Pei-ku and Sun Chuan-fang.

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Appeal for Aid.

Kaffeng, Nov. 11.

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Heavy Losses.

The Nanshuchow (Anhwei) correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" writes on November 13:—Wounded men of Hsia Hung-hsun's units are drifting back to town, all agreeing in tales of heavy losses. More recently a military secretary came to the hospital. He had come down from Kuihkiang at the same time Marshal Sun came down river.

Judging by his account, the Allies have lost Kuihkiang and a considerable quantity of military stores. We are much interested in the next move. It is common knowledge here that Chang Chung-chang's men are massed at Hsia Ching, about 30 miles above Hsiaowchin, watching the situation.

It is felt that sooner or later they will be down here. Especially if Anking or Wuhan falls, are they likely to move down at least along the Hsiang River?

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Representatives of Fengtien, Honan, Kiangsu and Chekiang military authorities and those of the Canton Government have assembled here and are in conference with General Chang Kai-shek. Posts formerly occupied by officials of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang have not yet been filled by "new officials. The lower classes are becoming remarkably influential, and the upper and intelligent classes are quietly watching the situation.

In view of the fact that citizens are constantly making complaints against the notes issued by the Southern forces, the latter are now endeavouring to devise means for conversion of the military notes.

It is understood that General Chang Kai-shek has an intention to settle the situation by peaceful means and to avoid force as much as possible in future unless he is absolutely compelled to resort to arms.

A large number of the Southerners, who have been holding themselves in the district of Nan-chang are now advancing eastward, their destination, it is reported, being Fukien.—Toho.

Tientsin Conference Decisions.

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It is also said that the Shantung Army will shortly proceed to the south along the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lanchow-Haihoch railways, while a large body of Chihli troops under General Chu Yu-pu will proceed along the Peking-Hankow Railway.—Toho.

New Southern Bank.

Hankow, Nov. 17.

The Financial Committee connected with the Southern Government here has announced that the Bank of Hupeh has been formally established.

General Tang Sun-ise expects to return to Hunan in a few days in order to manage political affairs there.

The strike on the part of the Telephone and Waterworks coolies has been settled, ten articles responding their demands having already been signed.—Kuo Wen.

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